



Minnesota Crop Progress & Condition

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Minnesota farmers took advantage of an average **5.3 days suitable for fieldwork** for the week ending September 20, 2015, with crop harvest progressing well ahead of last year for most crops, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvest advanced for dry edible beans, corn for silage, potatoes, and sugarbeets; and started for corn for grain and soybeans. Farmers also harvested sweet corn.

Topsoil moisture supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 11 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. **Subsoil moisture** supplies were rated 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus.

Forty-one percent of Minnesota's **corn** acreage was mature, 7 days ahead of last year but equal to the five-year average. Corn condition rated 88 percent good to excellent. Thirty percent of the state's corn for **silage** crop was harvested during the week, reaching 67 percent. Seventy-two percent of the **soybean** acreage was dropping leaves or beyond, 8 days ahead of last year and 5 days ahead of normal. Soybean harvest reached 12 percent. Soybean condition rated 78 percent good to excellent. **Dry edible bean** fields were 77 percent harvested, only the third time in twenty years that three-quarters of the crop has been harvested by this date. Fifty percent of the **potato** crop has been harvested. Fifteen percent of the **sugarbeet** crop has been lifted, the most harvested by this date during the last fifty years. Sugarbeet condition rated 85 percent good to excellent. **Sunflower** condition rated 58 percent good to excellent.

The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 95 percent complete, over two weeks ahead of last year. **Pasture** condition rated 73 percent good to excellent, down 2 percentage points from the previous week.

Crop Progress as of September 20, 2015

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Yr Avg
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	5.3	5.5	5.2	5.3
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dented	97	93	90	94
Corn mature	41	19	18	41
Corn for Silage harvested	67	37	(NA)	(NA)
Dry Ed. Beans drop leaves	97	93	58	81
Dry Ed. Beans harvested	77	47	15	42
Hay, Alfalfa 3 rd cutting	95	91	88	(NA)
Potatoes harvested	50	39	41	50
Soybeans coloring	96	86	77	84
Soybeans dropping leaves	72	42	34	57
Soybeans harvested	12	1	0	8
Sugarbeets harvested	15	12	7	8

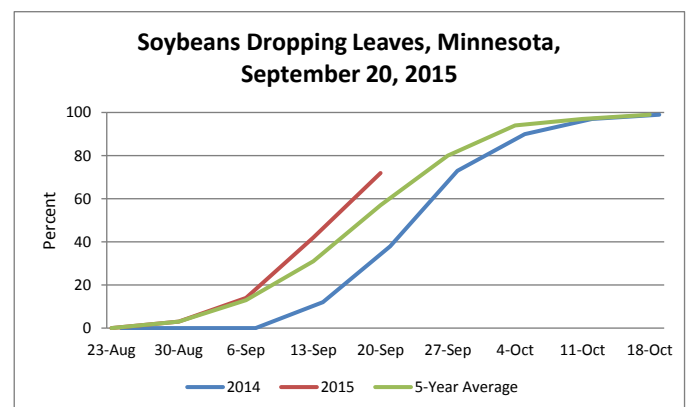
(NA) Not available.

Soil Moisture Conditions as of September 20, 2015

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Topsoil Moisture	2	11	83	4
Subsoil Moisture	2	12	83	3

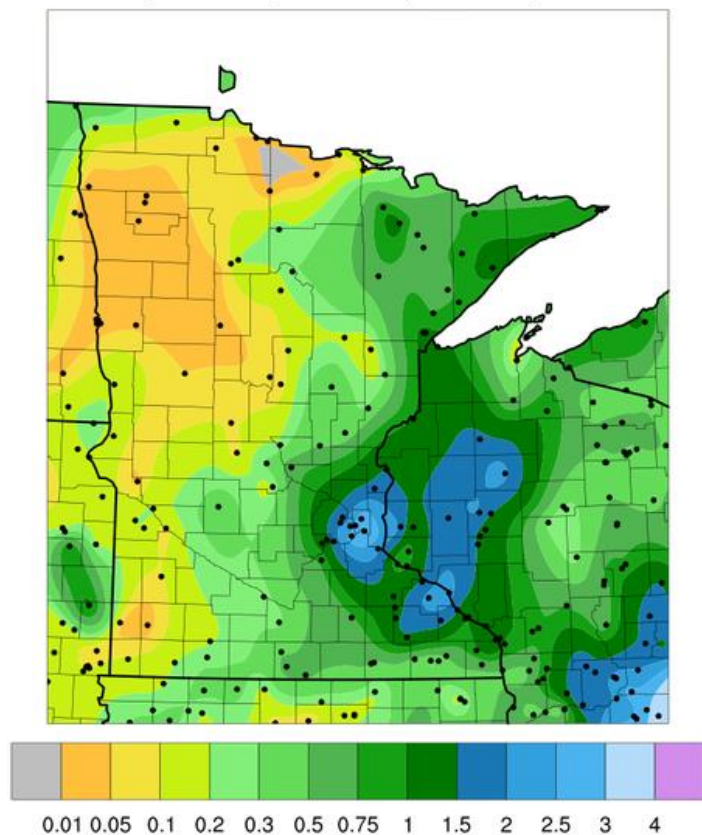
Crop Condition as of September 20, 2015

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	0	2	10	53	35
Dry Ed. Beans ..	2	4	24	54	16
Pasture	2	6	19	64	9
Potatoes	0	1	7	48	44
Soybeans	1	3	18	52	26
Sugarbeets	1	4	10	35	50
Sunflowers	0	6	36	51	7



Minnesota Temperatures and Precipitation for the week ending September 20, 2015

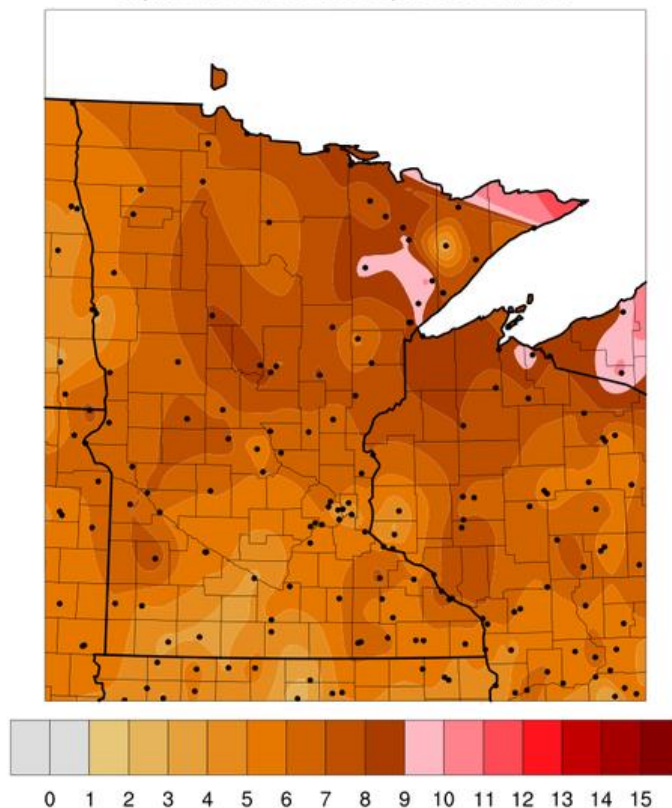
Accumulated Precipitation (in)
September 14, 2015 to September 20, 2015



Stations from the following networks used: WBAN, COOP, FAA, GHCN, ThreadEx, CoCoRaHS, WMO, ICAO, NWSLI,

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Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1981-2010 Normals
September 14, 2015 to September 20, 2015



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National Weather Service data, courtesy of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources State Climatology Office, is available at:
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/climate/historical/summary.html>

Growing Degree Days can be found at <https://mygeohub.org/groups/u2u/gdd>

Temperature and Precipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu/CLIMATE/>